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W. P. WALTON.

### A Very Bad Negro.

(To the Editor of the Interior Journal.)  
CRAB ORCHARD, July 30.—I have known and respected you as a man who would not accord an enemy the justice due him; as an advocate for right regardless of consequence. In this regard, I feel no hesitation in writing this letter, the object of which is simply to state plain facts—facts unbiased by any prejudice either way. I refer to the killing of the negro Joe Whitley by Tom Fish. There has already been a great deal said concerning the affair and I need not dwell upon the details longer than to say I knew both parties well. Fish was by no means a quarrelsome or desperate character. On the contrary, he was one of the most upright, honest gentlemen I ever knew. He was never known to meddle with the affairs of others and was exceedingly prudent in expressing an opinion on any subject. He never carried a pistol, and even a knife. The pistol he did the shooting with was one he got in a store a few minutes before the killing took place. A man of our town saw him when he got the pistol. He is a man whose word may be strictly relied upon, and was respected by all our citizens. His great fault was in loving too well that fatal beverage that has sickened a venomous fang into the hearts of millions of the best and truest of our land. When drinking Tom was more than usually pleasant and communicative, but was instantly resent an insult. While I am no advocate for the drunkard and don't feel that being drunk ought to excuse a man for committing a crime, still I think in justice to Fish's father and mother, some little mention ought to be made in regard to the character of the negro. To simply say that Joe was a desperate character, but feebly expresses the idea, for it tells nothing of the deep spirit of revenge that manifested itself for years after any injury had been done him. George Stephenson, Fish and the negro had some trouble about a year ago over a white woman of ill fame and Joe would both boys, cutting Stephenson very badly, penetrating his right lung, and only the most careful treatment and nursing saved his life. Whitley afterwards remarked that he would have gone back and finished him if he hadn't thought him dead. He afterwards would both boys, on more than two occasions, boasting publicly that he intended to kill them if ever he got the "drop on them," etc. He was shot for stealing at Crab Orchard Spring; shot twice for trying to take a white woman from a white man; and several times had to leave here for similar offenses. It was a common sight to see Joe seated on the rock pile working out some violation of the law. He shot a son of Harrison Curtis, colored, for nothing, the boy being a mere child and taunting Joe, as children sometimes will. He was exceedingly impudent to white people and a terror to his own race. No one would hire him for any length of time, for fear of having to kill him or being killed by him. He hid his pistol leveled at Fish's breast when he was shot, four shots being fired, two by the negro and two by Fish. As I had the negro hired at the time, I had every opportunity to know him and have only stated the truth concerning him. There have been many good, worthy men killed, whose lives were misused, yet whose deaths have been much less deplored than this negro's and whose murders have been respected as doing a service to their country. As to the statement that he was a great help to his father, etc., it can be proved that his father wouldn't allow him to stay at home long at a time, on account of his triflingness, boasting him unmercifully. I have only stated facts that I know are actually transpired under my own observation, and I feel sure you will publish them for the sake of those whose minds may be already prejudiced by incorrect statements. Most Resp.,

It cannot be denied that prohibition in Rhode Island, after a year's experience, is found to be so complete a failure that it is no extravagance to pronounce it a miserable failure. It is not even approximately prohibiting the use of intoxicating liquor; it is not to-day resulting in any perceptible diminution of drunkenness as compared with former years. [Providence Journal]

In London—Lord Noodle (to Mr. Blaine)—"I saw your distinguished countryman yesterday. Blaine—'Whom do you mean?' 'Why, Buffalo Bill. You know him, of course.' 'No, I have never met him.' 'Lord Noodle (aside to a friend)—'This man Blaine is an impostor. He is not acquainted in his own country.'—[Arkansas Traveler]

A farmer said: "One thing I don't like about city folks—they be either so stuck up that you can't reach 'em with a hay stack pole, or so blinded friendly that they forget to pay their board."

## LINCOLN COUNTY STOCK FAIR.

THE crowd at the last day of the Fair was simply immense and the show of stock magnificent. There were not less than five entries in each ring and the animals were in splendid condition. The whole thing was a success and we are glad to know that the stockholders will get their money back and probably a small dividend. The men who did most towards making it so were President S. H. Baughman and Directors I. M. Bruce and Foreman Reid and we vote to permanently install them as officers of the Lincoln Stock Fair Association. It has been thoroughly demonstrated that Lincoln county can have a first-class fair and we would suggest that arrangements for a permanent organization be immediately effected. A stock company with a capital of \$5,000 ought to be raised, grounds secured, buildings erected of a substantial nature and the other necessary steps taken to put them on a footing with the best in the section. The following is the list of the premiums awarded Friday:

- Jack Stock.
28. Best Jack under 2 years. \$10  
S. H. Baughman, prem. and cert.
29. Best Jack 2 years and over. 13  
Levi Hubble, prem., M. S. Baughman, cert.
30. Best Jennet under 2 years. 10  
John G. Lynn, prem., S. H. Baughman, cert.
31. Best Jennet 2 years and over. 10  
Levi Hubble, prem., Ronald Cobb, Jr., Boyle, cert.
32. Best Horse Mule under 2 years. 10  
Levi Hubble, prem., Will O. Alexander, Boyle, cert.
33. Best Horse Mule 2 years and over. 10  
John Tunney & Son, Boyle, prem., E. S. Hudson, Garrard, cert.
34. Best Mare Mule under 2 years. 10  
E. P. Woods, prem., Levi Hubble, cert.
35. Best Mare Mule 2 years and over. 10  
Levi Hubble, prem., John Tunney & Son, Boyle, cert.
36. Best Fair Mules shown in Harness. 10  
Lee, Hudson & Co., Boyle, prem., Levi Hubble, cert.
37. Best Mare and Male Cattle either sex. 10  
E. P. Woods, prem., Levi Hubble, cert.
38. Best Mare and Male Cattle either sex. 10  
J. L. Bruce, Boyle, prem., A. L. Deany, cert.
39. Best Stallion or Gelding 2 years and under 3. 10  
John E. Harris, Boyle, prem., O. C. Green, cert.
40. Best Stallion 3 years and under 4. 10  
John E. Harris, Boyle, prem., O. C. Green, cert.
41. Best Stallion 4 years and over. 10  
C. T. Sandilge, premium, J. E. & J. R. Farrie, cert.
42. Best Saddle Mare any age. 15  
Wm. Rue, Boyle, prem. and cert.
43. Best Saddle Stallion any age. 15  
C. T. Sandilge, prem., John E. Harris, Boyle, cert.
44. Best Stallion, Mare or Gelding, Special Premium by Hocker & Bright, Dealers in Groceries, Hardware, etc., \$10  
J. E. & J. R. Farrie, prem., Wm. Rue, Boyle, cert.
45. 2-4 Class on the track, best 2 in 3, mile heats. First \$25, second, \$15.  
Not awarded.
46. Special Premium by Thomas Robinson, Breeder of Trotters—Best Colt of any age, the get of his stallion for the season of 1887. 25  
T. C. Robinson, prem. and cert.
47. Mile heat (trot), best 2 in 3. 25.00  
Miss Alina Hays, 1st money, Charles Denham, Putski, 2d.
48. Special Premium by Metcalf & Foster, Groceries, Hardware, Cattle, etc.—Fastest Gentlemen's Saddle Horse, dash half mile. 10  
J. W. Moore, prem., Uriah Dunn, cert.
49. Best Mare Colt under 1 year. \$10  
Levi Hubble, prem., S. M. Sandilge, cert.
50. Best Mare, 1 year and under 4. 10  
Wm. H. Robinson, Boyle, prem., Jack Besley, cert.
51. Best Mare, 2 years and under 3. 10  
Foreman Reid, prem., C. J. Doty, Garrard, cert.
52. Best Mare, 3 years and under 4. 10  
E. S. Hudson, Garrard, prem., D. F. Logan, Boyle, cert.
53. Best Mare, 4 years and over. 10  
Wm. Rue, Boyle, prem., Charles Denham, Putski, cert.
54. Special Premium by J. E. & J. R. Farrie—Best Sucking Colt, either sex, the get of Silver King the season of 1887. 10  
C. L. Carter, premium, Eli Besley, Garrard, cert.
55. Best Fancy Mare or Gelding in Harness. 15  
Sweetlake.
56. Best Harness Stallion any age. \$15  
Wm. Rue, Boyle, prem., W. H. Robinson, Boyle, cert.
57. Best Harness Mare any age. 15  
Wm. Rue, Boyle, prem., Charles Denham, Putski, cert.

OUR COUNTRY COUSINS.—It is not to be wondered at that farmers and their families utter protests against self-invited guests. City friends or acquaintances who demand hospitality, do not seem to appreciate the fact that their presence keeps the farmer's wife and daughters in the hot kitchen and deprives them of summer rest. The most appalling instance of this sort of visiting is told of Chautauque, New York. A minister's wife, a frail little woman, was found "just tired out and sick." She said she had been entertaining for the past two days a woman, who, a perfect stranger, had come to visit her because she had heard her husband preach once, some years ago. The country cousins should present board bills in emergencies. [Waverly]

One of the recent additions to the Florida statute book makes it unlawful for any railroad official to give a free pass to any salaried officer of the State or member of the State Legislature.

Boycotting and back biting were made penal offenses by the last Illinois Legislature. The law is a good one. It protects both employer and employee. [Baltimore American]

## LONDON, LAUREL COUNTY.

—A little child of Osauncey Revel died Friday of cholera infantum.  
—A conflagration was narrowly averted at the Riley House again Thursday. There were no defective flues, no girls with kerosene and it is supposed to be a case of spontaneous combustion, or a melting with "ferret heat."  
—Mrs. Carrie Christian and two little children, of Wisconsin, are with her sister, Mrs. R. P. Brown, this city. Miss Lulu Northcote is in Cincinnati House. M. J. and J. R. Cook, of Pleasant Valley, were here Friday.  
—We blush to say that in our own local option town some visiting villain dealt out enough fire water to make two or three boys from the country drunk and disorderly on Saturday. After much unbecoming conduct and disturbance of peaceable citizens, who were attending to their own business, two of the boys were landed in jail, not, however, until half the citizens in town were called in to assist the officers. Let the law be fully and rigidly enforced.  
—Friday was another "bolder" for the Laurel county democracy. The republicans have been terribly down in the mouth ever since Gen. Hardin so fearfully mangled the remains of the Hon. Walter Ervase and from that time forth they have been resolved upon revenge. In furtherance of this little pet scheme of theirs they prevailed upon Col. A. M. Swope to swoop down upon and devour us, and so the crisis came. But "vengeance is mine, saith the Lord," and I do assure you the republicans are the last people in the world in whose hands the Giver of all good would place this important trust, and so the best laid plans of men and devils in this instance came all to naught. At the request of the democratic county committee the Hon. Ascher G. Caruth, of Louisville, was here to do battle for the democracy on that day. He came to make a speech and a speech he was going to make, but in order to silence the insinuations of the republicans that he was afraid to meet Col. Swope in debate, he and the committee agreed to everything the republicans asked in order to have a joint discussion. Col. Swope and his backers maneuvered in every way to get the advantage in the matter of time and finally agreed to an equal division, provided Mr. Swope should have 30 minutes for a response. This was agreed to by Mr. Caruth and at 1 o'clock sharp the fur began to fly. Col. Swope, off in an hour and a half speech, which bore the "ear-marks" of Col. Bradley, that is it was the stereotyped republican speech, made up of false charges and bloodthirstiness, Federal aid and buncombe, all ending in one incongruous mess, and all cheered lustily at every turn by the rade, as if they had never heard it before. When Mr. Caruth took the stand all eyes were upon the young democratic giant, the republicans with a demoniacal smile of triumph lighting their faces and the democrats with expectancy and hope beaming from every feature. But few eloquent sentences had fallen from the gifted lips until the golden fruit of the republicans had turned to ashes in their very mouths and the democrats were wild with enthusiasm. For two hours the vast audience rocked and swayed at the will of the magnetic and magnificent speaker, and he closed amid a very storm of applause. Col. Swope was thunderstruck, for he had boasted that he did not fear to meet the grandest democratic orator that ever lived. He had underestimated Mr. Caruth and suffered accordingly. For 40 minutes he labored, breaking the solemn compact with the democracy as to the length of his reply, to gain the ground the eloquent Louisvilleian had wrested from him. He satisfied his friends in a measure and it is well, for never before in the history of this county have two such signal victories been gained as were won by Hardin and Caruth and the democratic heart swells with pride at the remembrance.

A Kentucky Feud Ended.  
They had been on the outs for a long while, during which several of each family had been shot down either from ambush or snupstump, when finally neighboring friends interfered and induced the two yet living to meet and sign articles of peace. After each had made his mark to the peace paper all hands took a drink to seal the agreement. Then they took another drink to seal it stronger, after which, as they were leaving the grocery, one said to the other, "Now, Bill, this is supposed to kiver all that has passed, and I hope we'll both try to forget and forgive."  
"Yes, Sam, exceptin' one thing, and that is the killin' of the ole man. I'll be go darned if I kin ever forget that. I can't, Sam; can't forgive."  
"Tain't a bit worse, Bill, nor the killin' of my oldest boy Jim, one of the brightest boys in the land, who could knock the eye out of a man at a hundred yards every pop. That's something I can't forget, neither."  
"Then it war yer boy Jim that killed the ole man, en? for he war shot in the left eye?"  
"Don't draw on me, William."  
"Sam, git ready to go after your boy, Jim."  
"And Bill, you git ready to foller the ole man."  
Bang! bang! went the pistol of each and Sam went after his boy and Bill followed the ole man, which ended the feud. [New York Liar]

## MT. VERNON, ROCKCASTLE COUNTY.

—Rev. Carmichael preached here Sunday.  
—Dr. Davis has no opposition for office of superintendent of schools.  
—The Republic-prohib people are using whiskey with a vim to corrupt the honest voter.  
—Hon. J. K. McClary has returned from Hot Springs, N. C., somewhat improved in health.  
—I have sold a half interest in my business and must close up old accounts. Come in and settle. Last call. F. L. Thompson.  
—Sunday the big chief and followers were in town attending to the spoils and wranglers. Prohibition for policy and republican for revenue.  
—Casper Williams' neighbor, Thomas Taylor, proposes to be as charitable as others and has agreed to board a 12th girl who came to his house Friday morning.  
—Did the Post have reference to any of our citizens when it made the following allegation? "A three years' undisturbed possession of a setter dog will destroy the veracity of the best man in America."  
—I have just purchased from a Philadelphia house the largest and best lot of clothing ever brought to Mt. Vernon. Shipments will arrive about August 10th. See them before buying, it will pay you. F. L. Thompson.  
—Mr. J. J. Thompson has purchased a half interest in the mercantile business of his brother, F. L. Thompson. The new firm intends to keep a full stock and sell low for cash. The style of the firm is now F. L. Thompson & Bro.  
—Some of the boys filled up on prohibition whiskey Saturday and had a little set-to on the back streets with rocks, sticks, &c. No one seriously hurt, but one man got a considerable thump in the back from a rock and one got his ear "chawed."

—From present indications it appears that the enterprising citizen who got up the dream on Ward didn't get it properly arranged. It looks as though he will capture those ducks, Webb and all. It is ever thus. It won't do to depend on catching votes from the old parties to elect prohibitionists, Knights of Labor and what not. When it comes to the scratch the old party leaders generally whip the weak kneed ones back into line.  
—For the want of something better, Webb's opponents have been industriously preaching that in case Ward is defeated the price of labor will fall to 25 cents per day, as though Webb had the regulating of wages, and in case he did have, could be as foolish as to wish his own wages reduced to nothing. The strangest part of it is the number of people who are ready to believe all this buncombe circulated by the republicans.  
—For a while it appeared that W. C. Webb, the Labor candidate, would run Ward a pretty close race, but it seems at this writing that Webb cannot hold the vote of the so called Knights of Labor and the votes he gets from the democrats will not be so numerous as was expected. The republicans are working like beavers for both county and State tickets, using whiskey, money and say and all sorts of statements in working on the voters, in fact they are in no way particular as to the truthfulness of their campaign talk. Any and everything is used that they think will make a vote. The democrats are doing little if anything at all. We would not be surprised to see the county go 400 republican.

UNINTERESTING READING.—Literature is in high demand among sailors on a long voyage. They will even, in their desire of helping pass the monotonous days, read the same book at least a dozen times.  
"Once knew a sailor," says an English seaman, "who could just spell out an easy sentence with difficulty, to pore for weeks over an old algebra as deeply absorbed in it as a maiden aunt in the birth, death and marriages' portion of her news paper.  
"When he had come to the end he said to me: 'I've heard a lot of talk about that algebra book, but I've read every word of it right through from beginning to end. I don't think it is no way interesting.'"

LONELY JACOB'S LADDER.—On Mount Whitney, the highest mountain in California, at a level 14,000 feet above the sea and 1,500 feet above the timber line, where there is no soil and no moisture, save snow, hail and ice, there grows a little flower, shaped like a bell flower, gaudy in colors of red, purple and blue. It is called Jacob's ladder and its fragrance partakes of the white jasmine. It blooms alone, for it not only has no flora associate, but there is no creature, not even a bird or an insect, to keep it company. [Enreka (Neb) Sentinel]

The original of the term lynch law is variously given. Webster says that "the term is derived from James Lynch, a farmer of Piedmont, Va., who was elected by his neighbors in 1683 to summarily try offenses on the frontier, because there were no law courts within seven miles of them. Other authorities maintain that the phrase is derived from a Gov. Lynch, who was a stern ruler in Galway Ireland. He hanged his only son out of the window of his own house in 1526. The very window from which the young man was hung is still pointed out to travelers."

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